



SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

Minutes for

COMMISSION MEETING

10:30 a.m., August 17, 2018

Location: Conference Room, SC Commission on Indigent Defense, 1330 Lady Street, Columbia, SC

Members Present: Harry Dest (Chair), Hon. Edward B. Cottingham, Billy Epps, Jack Howle, Jr., Michael Lifsey, Sen. Gerald Malloy, Yvonne Murray-Boyles (phone), Ashley Pennington (phone), Ashlin Potterfield (phone), Walker Willcox

Members Absent: John Nichols, Hon. Daniel Pieper, Rep. Murrell Smith

Staff Present: Hugh Ryan, Herverly Young, Lawrence Brown, Rodney Grizzle, Boyd Young

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2018 quarterly meeting. That motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Oversight Committee Update: Mr. Ryan provided a review of the nature of the House Oversight Subcommittee proceedings, the nature of hearings to date, and the schedule for and items to be covered in upcoming hearings.

FY 18-19 Budget Update: Mr. Ryan explained how the agency tracks its finances and reviewed the agency's finances and expenditures for various indigent services for the past year.

Family Court Standards Committee Update: Mr. Young provided the Commission with an update on the work of the Committee and a copy of the draft standards for review. He stated that the draft would be presented to the Rule 608 Family Court Contract Attorneys at the upcoming training by the Children's Law Center and by email to get their feedback. The committee will consider that feedback and expects to have a final draft for consideration for approval by the Commission at its November meeting.

Municipal Court Lawsuit Mediation Update: Mr. Ryan provided an update on the status of the lawsuit mediation and informed the Commission that he was scheduled to appear in the mediation proceeding to provide a statewide public-defender perspective to the proceedings.

Training Update: Mr. Brown provided information on participation in the Southern Juvenile Defender Center program and the upcoming Public Defender Association Conference and Public Defense 101.

FY19-20 Budget Request: Mr. Ryan discussed the current state of agency funds and considerations for requesting increased funding for the upcoming fiscal year but stated that no final determination as to a final request has been made at this time. Senator Malloy outlined the changing nature of the legislature and the need for active involvement of the circuit public defenders in the budgeting process.

Circuit Defender Mentor Program: Mr. Ryan discussed the possibility of setting up a more formal program for mentoring and assisting new circuit public defenders.

FY17-18 Review: Mr. Ryan reviewed highlights, improvements, and accomplishments of the agency during the fiscal year.

Executive Session: The Commission entered executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Following executive session, no action was required on any matters discussed in executive session.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed, and the meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Brown
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